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POODLES ON PARADE

What with clipping, shampooing, brushing, combing, and manicuring, canine hairdressers are being run off their feet. For every Poodle wants to look its best at the International Show in London's Horticultural Hall on March 27.

The Poodle is a great dollar-earner—one superb specimen was sold recently to America for £750—for it is now a most popular pet.

More than 3000 are registered with the Kennel Club.

The name comes from the German "Puddelin," meaning to splash in water. In olden times the Poodle was a sporting dog, and it was to enable him to swim more easily that his coat was clipped off the hindquarters.

It was the aristocrats of France who made a dandy of the Poodle. During the 18th century they employed special barbers to give their pets a lion mane and pompon tail.

In spite of its fantastic appearance, the Poodle is a brave as well as a highly intelligent dog.

CIRCULAR SAW THAT GETS AROUND

One of the latest ideas for the farmer is a circular saw attached to a tractor and driven by the engine.

The saw is mounted on an arm which projects from one side of the tractor, and is about three feet in diameter. The blade is parallel to the ground, about one foot above it.

To fell a tree the tractor is driven up until the saw is just touching the trunk. A pull on a lever and the saw buzzes round, the driver moves the tractor slowly forward, and slices right through the trunk.

The driver has to be trained to operate the tractor saw correctly, of course—otherwise he might bring the tree down on his head!

STAYING GUESTS

Four exhausted guillemots, coated with oil, were picked up on Elmer Beach, Sussex, and taken to a nearby bird sanctuary owned by Mr. and Mrs. Folland. The birds were cleaned and provided with sprats and a tub of sea water.

Three of the birds recovered and, after a time, were fit enough to be released on the beach. They had swum only a short way out to sea when they returned and refused to leave. This procedure was repeated every day for weeks.

At last Mr. Folland wrote to the Royal Society for the Protection of Sea Birds and the R.S.P.C.A., who advised putting them in the sea and hiding. But the guillemots merely stayed, searching the beach for their adopted master.

Now they have a permanent home in the Folland garden.

NO HIGHWAY CODE IN THE WILDS

Jumbo and Hippo bar the way

WE may well be thankful that our traffic problems in Britain are not complicated by wild animals. In Southern Rhodesia, for instance, elephants can be quite a menace on the roads. Recently a motorist named Power arrived in Bulawayo after an encounter with elephants; his car was badly battered, and he had the feeling that he was lucky to be alive.

Mr. Power first suspected trouble when he saw trees lying across the road; he knew this meant that playful elephants were in the neighbourhood.

He saw that he would have to drive off the road to get round the fallen trees, and this spelled danger. It had been raining and the ground was muddy, and if his car got stuck in the mud and the elephants came back they might try lifting it out in a way he would not appreciate.

However, Mr. Power drove safely round the trees and over the mud, and began to feel happier. Then, a little farther on, he saw an elephant standing right in the middle of the road. He hooted smartly, and Jumbo responded just as smartly by climbing a bank at the side of the road.

JUMBO'S ANNOYANCE

Halfway up the elephant seemed to get annoyed. It turned and smashed the windscreen with its trunk. It lifted the car up and then let it down with a bump. It dented the roof. Then, trumpeting shrilly, it ran off.

Fortunately, the car was not put out of action, and Mr. Power drove on, hoping he had seen the last of this kind of pedestrian. But when he reached the approach to a bridge there stood two more of them, completely blocking the way.

This time he did not hoot, but sat patiently waiting, with the elephants every now and then turning a contemplative eye on him. At last one of them strolled away and, after he had waited a further 15 minutes, the other walked off too.

Elephants in Rhodesia evidently consider that they have as much right to the road as anyone else in Rhodesia. Hippopotamuses, on the other hand, seem to prefer the railway.

HIPPO'S CHOICE

One night, not long ago, a Rhodesian engine-driver saw a hippo on the track ahead. Fortunately, he was able to slow down in time. He made repeated blasts on the locomotive's whistle, and noisily let off steam; but the hippo continued to amble in front of the train.

"I was here first," seemed to be the hippo's idea; and a slow game of follow-the-leader continued until at last the animal, having asserted its right-of-way, decided to leave the rails.

A HOLE IN THE ROAD

In London, Ontario, men repairing the street attract little crowds of curious idlers just as they do in the English Capital.

But in Canada's London the on-lookers often pester the workmen with questions, and are not content with the answer: "Just digging a hole, bud." So sign-boards are set up beside their excavations to explain why they are being made.



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A resourceful beginner learning to roller-skate the soft way instead of the hard way

PLAYING-FIELDS OUT OF SWAMP

At Kampala, the biggest town in Uganda, a 70-acre malarial swamp which once menaced the health of the citizens is being drained and turned into playing-fields.

In an area where mosquitoes used to breed, there will be four cricket pitches, a polo ground, six football and hockey pitches, and 12 tennis courts available for all who wish to use them.

A stadium and cycling track may be constructed there later. More than £18,000 is being spent on the project.

SIX LIVES LEFT

Shenko, an eight-year-old grey Persian cat of Knightsbridge, London, parted with its first life during the war, when a flying bomb hit the building it was in.

Another went when it fell down a well 40 feet deep; and recently it gave up a third, for it was marooned on a roof-top for three days before being rescued.

With only six lives left, Shenko should be more cautious in future.

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FRANCE IN TURMOIL

By the CN Diplomatic Correspondent

DURING the past few weeks all friends of France have anxiously been watching her struggles to escape from the tangled web of politics. The government worries of a great nation can be calamitous to her allies as well as herself if they are not resolved, and they are a serious handicap to international planning if they keep recurring.

Why should the particular kind of crisis involving a change of government happen so often in France?

Most of the leading French statesmen, even though they might agree that they are more impetuous and emotional than, say, the British, would deny that these characteristics make them unreliable.

Nevertheless, parliamentary troubles such as those which began again recently can clearly prejudice the development of carefully-nursed international growths such as N.A.T.O. and the European Defence Community.

FINDING A PREMIER

"Unfortunately, the upsetting of the Government is liable to happen any day under the French constitutional system," one diplomat said recently.

As often as not it is a very small issue that leads to the fall of a government, while big policies like the Schuman plan for pooling European steel and coal get carried through without much trouble.

Usually it takes weeks, first to find a new Premier who must be accepted by the Assembly, and, second, for that Premier to select the members of his Government in such a way as to ensure its stability.

The frequency of the falls of the Government is due to the French electoral system, which makes for a large number of political parties, instead of two or three, as in Britain. Consequently, the fate of successive governments has been decided by changes in the grouping together of the parties in the Assembly. It must be remembered, too, that a French Government cannot dissolve Parliament.

FIVE MAIN PARTIES

At the moment the five main parties—from Right to Left politically—are:

GAULLISTS: Followers of General de Gaulle, some of whom do not believe in a parliamentary system of government. They would like to see one "strong man" in charge—the General. Their Party initials are R.P.F., meaning Rally of the French People.

M.R.P.: These letters stand for Popular Republican Movement. This is the Catholic Party, which wants a degree of State planning—as against private enterprise—and favours, though with some caution, the idea of having a "welfare state."

RADICALS: In general they are opposed to the Gaullists and M.R.P., whom they consider reactionary and without liberal ideas.

SOCIALISTS: Though farther to the Left than the Radicals, they tend to combine with them against the parties of General de Gaulle and the M.R.P.

COMMUNISTS: As in other countries, this party of the extreme Left aims at totalitarian govern-

ment in which opposition from any other party is not allowed at all.

There are also smaller groups who normally vote with a combination of the more moderate parties against the extremists.

Now, as the Gaullists and the Communists—two opposite extremes—have occasionally voted together, we can realise how many different combinations can work against a French Government.

All the democratic countries hope that France will find herself able to maintain a steady democratic Government, in spite of her somewhat rigid Constitution. A violent overthrow of democracy by any extremist party would be a disaster for all the Western Powers.

Gracious lady



Wearing a dress that was made for Queen Victoria, Alderman Miss E. M. Thornton opened Eastbourne's exhibition of Antiques and Treasured Possessions.

SEA BATTLE THAT BRITAIN LOST

A famous old painting of the last sea-battle fought between the British and the Dutch, the Battle of Texel in 1673, has been acquired by the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. It was bought for £3500, of which £2500 has been generously provided by the National Art-Collections Fund.

Painted by the Dutch artist Willem Van de Velde the Younger, it depicts a tense period in the battle when the British flagship, the Royal Prince, was fighting a duel with the Dutch flagship, the Gouden Leeuw. Admiral Sir Edward Spragge was in the Royal Prince and Admiral Cornelis van Tromp was in the other, and both ships were so damaged that the admirals had to leave them.

The battle was fought by the Dutch against a combined British and French fleet which was trying to land troops to invade Holland. The Dutch, defending their homeland valiantly, routed the enemy.



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

SOME doubt was expressed in the Commons recently about the meaning of the word "filibuster."

The filibuster is a device to obstruct parliamentary proceedings so as to "talk out" an unwanted bill. The body which clings to it most is the American Senate, the Upper House of Congress. By teaming up, a group of speakers can keep on talking about a disliked measure for months on and off, until the end of the parliamentary year is reached and the bill automatically dies.

There is no equivalent to the filibuster in Britain. When the Irish M.P.s in the later Victoria Parliaments were fighting for Irish independence they used all kinds of methods to hold up business. That was our nearest approach to filibustering, but it was killed by the passing of the Closure Act, which, still in force today, enables the House to stop a debate at once.

DID you know there are 58,000 public call boxes in Britain? Since the price of local calls has gone up to 3d. the Post Office has been pressed to fit coin boxes with an extra slot big enough to take 3d. pieces. But Mr. Gammans, the Assistant Postmaster-General, says the need for economy in men and materials makes this impossible.

The appearance of the phrase "janitorial services" in a Scottish education circular provoked some curiosity.

Now Mr. James Stuart, the Scottish Secretary, has explained that this is a shorter way of describing "services undertaken by those who are appointed to carry out functions or duties for which school janitors are responsible."

The phrase "war bonus" has also come in for some criticism in the Lords. The Lord Chancellor (Lord Simonds) calls it "abominable," adding that he "cannot imagine a more unfortunate combination of words."

WHEN an M.P. makes a maiden (first) speech it is the custom for the M.P. who follows him to congratulate him on his performance. Here is one such compliment: "As long as he maintains that high standard he will not only have the welcome ear of the House but, what is even more interesting, will often be interrupted."

"PLEASE, we don't want to amend any children—we like them as they are!" said a colleague the other day. His startled eye had fallen upon the title of the Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill. But we're sure it doesn't mean quite what it says!

A NOD is as good as a wink to a blind horse. But what does silence mean in the Commons?

By well-established custom a Minister is not bound to answer a member's question. If he says nothing it can be inferred that he means either "Yes" or "No." But it all depends on the atmosphere.

News From Everywhere

PREMIER AT WEMBLEY

Because the Court is in mourning, Mr. Churchill will present the F.A. Cup and medals after the Final at Wembley Stadium on May 3—the first time the presentation has been made by a Prime Minister.

A new block of flats opening in Hornsey next month will be named Ramsey Court, in tribute to Ramsey, Huntingdonshire, which accommodated Hornsey's evacuees during the war.

Two helicopters will be used to fight the locust invasion which is expected in India in May.

FIRST UP

The 16,000-foot Quilindana, in the Andes, has been climbed by a party of Italian, French, Colombian, and Ecuadorean mountaineers. This is the first time the peak has been scaled.

The Queen has expressed a wish that the King's Cup Air Race, first held in 1922, shall continue under that name.

New South Wales Cricket Association have commissioned Lloyd Rees to paint a picture of Sydney Cricket Ground to be hung at Lord's.

WHAT'S COOKING?

London County Council are establishing a school for boys who wish to train as chefs.

A temporary transmitter installed in a trailer and linked to the aerial erected for the permanent station, is being used on a site between Barnstaple and Bideford to provide an immediate improvement in radio reception in the West Country.

Peter Hills, a 14-year-old Boston Grammar School boy, has been appointed organist at Wyberton Church, Lincolnshire.

Caernarvon Town Council have petitioned the Queen to proclaim Prince Charles as Prince of Wales, and to hold the investiture in Caernarvon Castle.

COCKEREL'S OUTING

A Norfolk farmer, of Denver, heard scratching noises while out driving and found a cockerel on the roof of his car.

When Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dennett of Derby celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary two sons in Australia travelled more than 13,000 miles to be present.

Sir John Cockcroft, Director of Harwell atomic energy establishment, is visiting Canada and America for talks with atomic experts.

BLUES BACK HOME

The Royal Horse Guards (The Blues) have returned to Windsor after 13 years' foreign service.

A prominent New Zealand business man has proposed that Commonwealth countries should rescue some of England's historic homes from decay and turn them into Empire schools as a memorial to King George VI.

Five Canadian trumpeter swans from Lonesome Lake, 300 miles north of Vancouver, have been sent to the Severn Wildfowl Trust, Gloucestershire. They are a present to the Queen from British Columbia.

For the second time in 130 years, the Oxford Union have elected an American undergraduate as President—Mr. Howard Shuman, of New College.

The pumping of crude oil through the new 560-mile pipeline constructed between Kirkuk, North Iraq, and Banais, Syria, will begin in April, six months ahead of schedule.

Leyton, birthplace of John Drinkwater, has a fine collection of his works, and recently his widow presented several more manuscripts and books.

An elephant's tusk weighing 99 lbs. was among the 40,000 lbs. of ivory recently auctioned at Dar-es-Salaam. An average price of 21s. per lb. was obtained.

RECORD SALMON

A new rod record for the Hampshire Avon has been set up by Mr. G. M. Howard, of Southampton. At Christchurch he caught a salmon 50 inches long and weighing 49 lbs.

The British Travel and Holiday Association has been notified that the Government has definitely decided against any change in the August Bank Holiday date at present.

Railway workers put forward 6716 ideas for improving running and service last year, compared with 4431 in 1950. Awards totalled £2400.

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QUAINT BIRDS OF POVERTY BAY

A flightless bird called the weka, or woodhen, has been receiving attention from the New Zealand Government Wildlife Department. Several of them are being transferred from the mountains near Poverty Bay to a small, uninhabited island off Great Barrier Island, which guards the entrance to the port of Auckland.

A bird about the size of a well-grown chicken, the weka was once exceedingly numerous in both islands of New Zealand. Now it is in danger of becoming extinct because so much forest has been cleared. Dogs, hawks, and weasels also destroy wekas.

The weka is a friendly bird, but it has a bad habit of eating the eggs of other ground-nesting birds. For that reason these wekas from Poverty Bay are being exiled on a little island which has no other bird life.

NEEDLE IN HAYSTACK

A needle was recently found in a haystack—in London of all places.

To open London's Sewing Week the stack had been built on a bombed site at the back of St. Paul's Cathedral. A needle, threaded with white cotton, had been hidden in the stack and there was a prize of a new all-electric sewing machine for the finder.

The prize was won by a London Hospital nurse, who found the needle after a search of 22 minutes.

RINGERS NEEDED

An appeal for boys, or strong girls, to learn to play a carillon, was made by Alderman J. H. E. Corah at a recent meeting of Loughborough Town Council. He said there was a great lack of pupils, and at the present time the borough carillonneur, Mr. W. E. Jordan, had only one boy under tuition.

Loughborough is famous for bell-founding and has a memorial tower with 47 bells.

CAMERA TO HELP FISHERMEN

To help British fishermen to find new and lucrative fishing grounds scientists at the Marine Biology Museum, Plymouth, have invented a submarine camera which photographs the sea floor and thus reveals the haunts and tracks of fish in their hunt for food.

The camera is mounted lens downwards near the end of a long metal pole. Three-quarters of the way down the pole is a ring bearing six 500-watt lamps which are switched on when the camera has been lowered from the boat to about ten feet from the sea-bed.

As soon as the pole hits the bottom the camera automatically takes a photograph on a roll of high-speed film. A buzzer rings immediately in the drifting boat above, and her crew haul the pole a few feet off the bottom and drop it again for the next picture.

The camera is able to work at nearly 300 feet below the surface, and will help fishermen to decide whether fishing is likely to be profitable in the areas it surveys. It is likely to replace the dredge and scoop hitherto used in preliminary surveys.

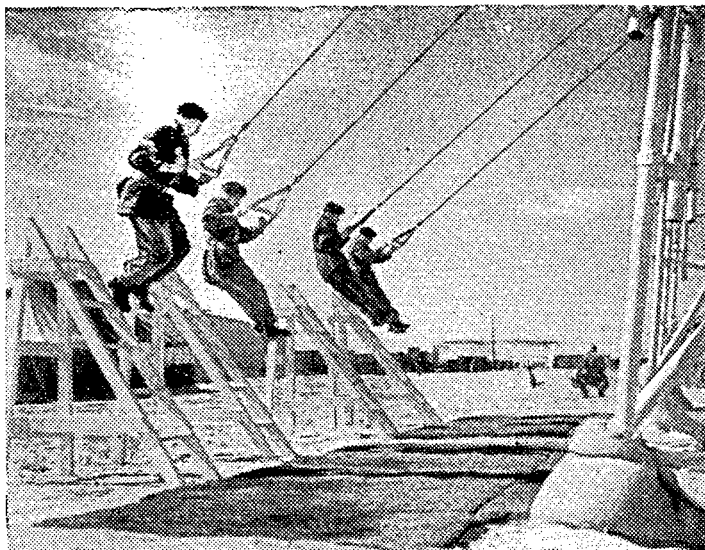
WHEN YOU SAVE PAPER BRITAIN SAVES DOLLARS

M.P.H.

Traffic policemen in the American city of Seattle have fitted semi-circular speedometer dials some four feet wide to the backs of three of their patrol cars. The exact speed at which the car is travelling is indicated by a coloured light.

The main idea is that following motorists can check their own speedometers, the huge police dials being guaranteed accurate.

In this country our regulations call for a speedometer which is accurate to within ten per cent. Thus a driver has roughly a three m.p.h. plus-or-minus margin at 30 m.p.h.



Their training goes with a swing

There is plenty to exercise mind and muscle in the Suez Canal Zone. With these swings men of the Parachute Brigade practise flight control, and how to manoeuvre in the air in order to make a good landing.

IMPROVING CHURCH SERVICES

A move to improve the standard of church services throughout the country has been made by the Royal School of Church Music.

One of the suggested improvements is that clergymen should speak clearer and sing better. To help them in this direction, a tape recording machine has been installed at Canterbury so that they can hear their own voices and learn to avoid "parson's voice."

Choirmasters and organists are being invited to attend special courses at the school.

RESTAURANT OF THE NATIONS

A restaurant and cafeteria has recently been opened in the United Nations building, overlooking East River, New York. Every hour it will satisfy the appetites of more than 1000 delegates and members of U.N. staff, who will eat in rooms lined with heat-absorbing glass designed to keep them cool.

Some five million cubic feet of natural gas, piped 1500 miles from Texas, will be required annually to operate the 15 gas-ranges, the boilers, grills, roasting ovens, toasters, and baking ovens.

THEIR LAST TRAIN

A 65-year-old locomotive recently hauled the last passenger train on the branch line from Weymouth to Portland. It was one of the original engines on this line, now closed to passenger traffic.

Thomas Hardy may have ridden behind this old engine some 62 years ago, when he was getting local colour for *The Well-Beloved*, for the "Gibraltar of Wessex," as he called Portland, is the chief setting of this story.

The people of this bare, lofty peninsula will now use buses.

BRAVE BUT SHY

Private William Speakman, V.C., has returned to Korea at his own request. He was embarrassed by the publicity he received in this country, and said he was anxious to "get back to my pals."

SUPER DIESEL ENGINE

A new type of diesel engine gives the same power, weight for weight and size for size, as an ordinary petrol engine.

Its main advantage is that it uses only half as much fuel as a petrol engine, and the fuel is very much cheaper. For aircraft, too, the fuel is much less inflammable than petrol.

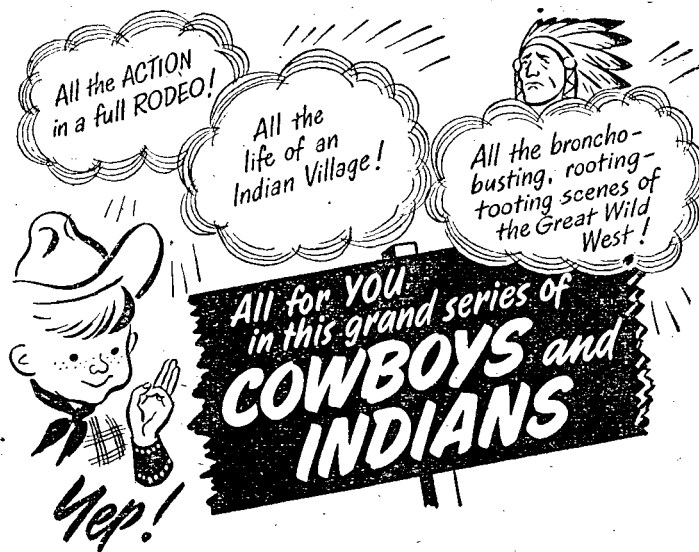
The engine works like an ordinary diesel in that the fuel ignites spontaneously as the piston moves up to the top of the cylinder. To give an extra-boost of power, however, as the fuel has ignited and the piston is moving downwards again, more fuel is sprayed into the cylinder to give an additional push to the piston.

This "power boost" has enabled designers to produce, for the first time, a diesel engine which is comparable in both performance and weight with a petrol engine. All previous diesels have been very much heavier than petrol engines of the same power.

FARM TRACTORS

Great Britain has one tractor for every 57 acres of arable land, the United States one for every 119 acres, and Russia one for every 1000 acres.

Great Britain produced 120,000 tractors in 1950, which was only about one-fifth of the number made in the United States, but 70 per cent of them were exported against 17 per cent of the American production.



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New school's pool

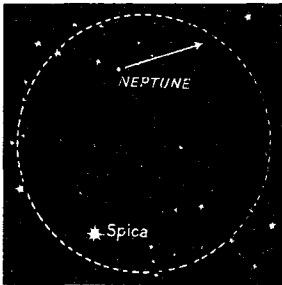
There's no "creeping like snail unwillingly" to a new Hammersmith primary school, where in the playground there is a boating pool and a cycle track. On the opening day Dame Sybil Thorndike, seen in the centre of this picture, helped the young navigators.

NEPTUNE IS AT HIS NEAREST TO US

By the C N Astronomer

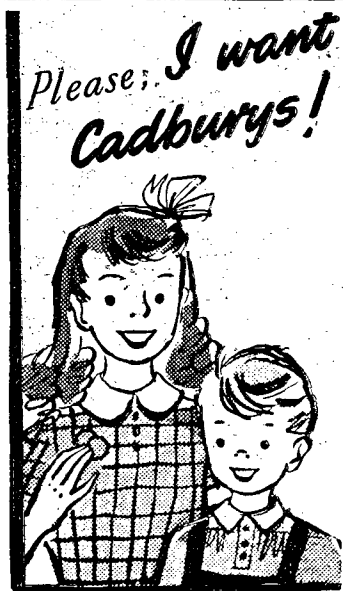
WE have now a good opportunity for finding that remote and very interesting world, Neptune. Such chances are rare owing to the extreme faintness of the planet—about 7.7 magnitude—and the consequent difficulty of finding him.

Neptune now seems so close to the bright star Spica that with some good optical assistance, such as fairly powerful fieldglasses, it should be easy to locate.



To have seen Neptune is an achievement very rarely attained by anyone who is not an astronomer or does not possess a telescope. So it is worth a little trouble to get a glimpse of this great world, which is 33,000 miles in diameter but so far away that he appears only like a very faint star.

At present Neptune is 2730 million miles away and almost at his nearest, which will be reached on April 10.



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The night needs to be very dark and clear, without much artificial lighting in the vicinity of the observer. Spica, the bright first-magnitude "guide" star, may be readily found in the south-east sky after about 8 o'clock, as described in the C N on March 8.

The star-map in that issue showed how to identify Spica and the relative position of Neptune, but the map on this page shows the region of Neptune on a much larger scale to include the fainter stars and also the planet's apparent motion.

By this motion it will be possible to identify him with certainty; otherwise he looks very much like any other faint star—except, of course, in an astronomical telescope, when he presents a disc.

The extent of this motion of Neptune during the next two months is indicated by the arrow. From this it will be seen that the position of Neptune relative to several faint stars will change considerably.

PLANET'S LONG YEAR

To identify these stars will be quite easy with the aid of Spica, which will appear very brilliant by comparison. A good plan is to make a sketch of the stars that can be seen through the glasses and then note, after a few days, which one has moved. That one will be Neptune.

The existence of Neptune's great sphere, which has a volume 72 times greater than the Earth's, was unknown until a little over a century ago. But as it takes Neptune 164 years and 288 days to travel only once round the Sun, he has not yet completed even one of his years since his discovery. Thus it is the first time Neptune has been seen so near to Spica.

Within a month of Neptune's discovery on September 23, 1846, his satellite Triton was revealed. It has an orbit round the planet about the same size as that of our Moon round the Earth, but with the great difference that it speeds round Neptune in only 5 days 21 hours 24 minutes—more than four times faster than our Moon travels.

Moreover, Triton travels the reverse way, and is probably about twice the diameter of our Moon.

ECCENTRIC MOON

Neptune is of particular interest just now in consequence of the discovery on May 1, 1949, that he possessed another moon. This has been named Nereid.

After prolonged observation and precise measurements, on the few nights that have been suitable, it has been revealed that Nereid has a most remarkable orbit. It takes about 359 days to travel round Neptune, during which the satellite's distance from the planet varies from 830,000 miles to 6,100,000 miles.

Nereid's orbit must, therefore, be a very long oval or ellipse—the greatest eccentricity of any moon in the Solar System. G. F. M.

In the Air

By the C N Flying Correspondent

Mr. Blockhead bales out

THE manufacturers of a new type of parachute had to test it in conditions which might have proved dangerous to a man. Sacks of sand and ordinary stuffed dummies were considered unsuitable "guinea pigs" because their weight distribution would be wrong.

So a parachutist was built with a steel tubing spine, a wooden head, and a chest of steel plate. Foam rubber covers the skeleton, and the whole is in a canvas skin.

Before being ejected from a special Meteor, the dummy was given a black-and-white check suit, painted on so that it would show up clearly on test films.

Flight-refuelled fighter

THE first operational aircraft capable of being refuelled in mid-air is the F-84G Thunderjet. Its range is limited only by the endurance of the pilot.

The planes which keep these ever-thirsty jet planes airborne are specially adapted versions of the Stratocruiser airliner and Superfortress bomber.

To refuel, the fighter flies slightly below the tanker while the crew guides a long boom into the fighter's wing tanks. On making contact with the boom, valves open automatically and hundreds of gallons of kerosene are pumped down into the Thunderjet's tanks, which are filled in two or three minutes.

Gas-bags again

AIRSHIPS are again going into service with the United States Navy.

After their wartime record of escorting 89,000 ships in convoys without mishap (only one Blimp was lost by enemy action) they were "shelved" in favour of fast long-range patrol aircraft. But now they are considered essential to carry the heavy electronic equipment used to detect new types of submarines.

The new Nan class airship has a double-deck gondola, with sleeping and recreation quarters for the crew "upstairs" and the control car below. The two 1300-h.p. engines are mounted inside so that they can be serviced in flight.

The Blimps, operating from carriers, can stay aloft for an indefinite period, as they are refuelled by hovering above sea-going tankers and drawing petrol up through a pipe.

Just over 320 feet long, the Nan displaces 925,000 cubic feet of helium, carries a crew of 14, and cruises at 75 knots.

Saucer Spotter's Club

AMERICANS who are still mystified by luminous globes and saucers said to have been seen skimming over Southern California have formed an organisation known as the Civilian Saucer Investigation Society.

The object is to study reports sent in by its members, and others, who spot anything odd in the skies.

ERIC GILLET, the C N Film Critic, discusses two new pictures

THE CARD...

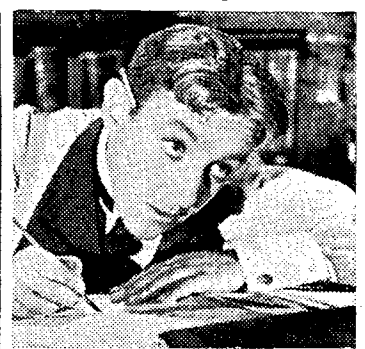
AMONG British film directors and producers Mr. Ronald Neame takes a very high place. He was associated with the making of Great Expectations and Oliver Twist, and now he has turned Arnold Bennett's famous novel, The Card, into a film.

Bennett knew the Staffordshire "Five Towns" better than any other novelist did. In The Card he wrote a lively story about a young man, brimming over with unusual ideas, who made a name for himself in Burslem and also became very prosperous.

Edward Henry Machin, the Card, became the youngest Mayor in the history of the Five Towns; and the story of how he did it is told both in the novel and the film.

Alec Guinness has the part of Machin, and clearly he enjoys it as much as any role he has played. Rent collector, moneylender, organiser of lifeboat trips, manager of a Universal Thrift Club, general-picker-up of unconsidered trifles—Machin goes through life with a slightly surprised and rather knowing air.

Mr. Guinness was a sure "Card" to play on the screen, but he is not the creature of Arnold



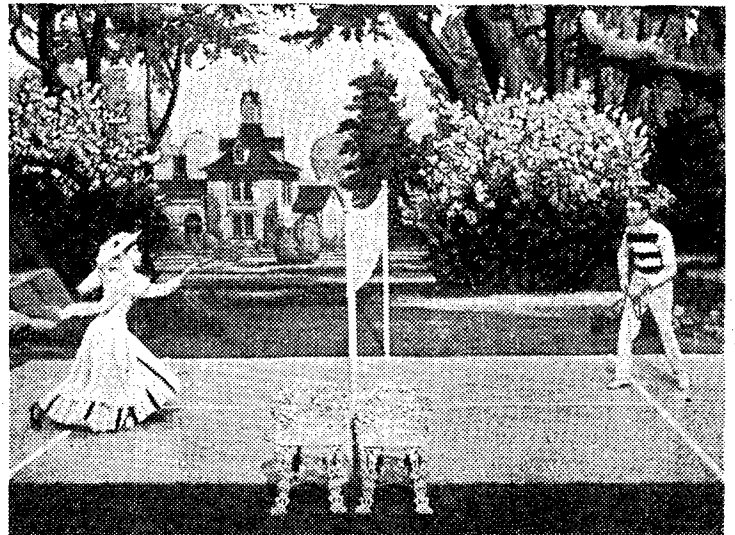
Alec Guinness as the Card

Bennett's fancy, who was a much more brassy and self-assured fellow. This may not matter very much, because Mr. Neame has turned out a delightfully comic picture. Apart from the Potteries accent, which has eluded almost all the characters, there is little to criticise in this extravagant, improbable, charming, and very funny film.

The acting of the whole cast is admirable. Valerie Hobson and Glynis Johns are very good indeed, and there are clever character studies from Frank Pettingell, Edward Chapman, Veronica Turleigh, and others.

A word must be said, too, for Joey, a mule who looks prepared to become an English "Francis"—and that is high praise.

...AND THE BELLE



Vera-Ellen and Fred Astaire play badminton in The Belle of New York

THE new Fred Astaire and Vera-Ellen film is called The Belle of New York. This is a pity, because the famous old stage musical comedy of the same name had tunes that are still sung and hummed all over the world.

The music for this film has been written by Harry Warren, and it cannot be compared with Kerker's original score. There is some resemblance between the two plots, but neither is very impressive.

The film depends almost entirely upon the work of its two princi-

pals, and fortunately this is excellent. Fred Astaire seems to become younger with every picture he makes, and Vera-Ellen is one of the best partners he has had. Their dance sequences are most beautifully done.

Vera-Ellen sings pleasantly and Fred Astaire, like Bing Crosby, is a light comedian who does what he has to do with a minimum of fuss. Some of the Technicolor ballet sequences are examples of how well this kind of thing can be presented on the screen.

ALL IN A PATCHWORK QUILT

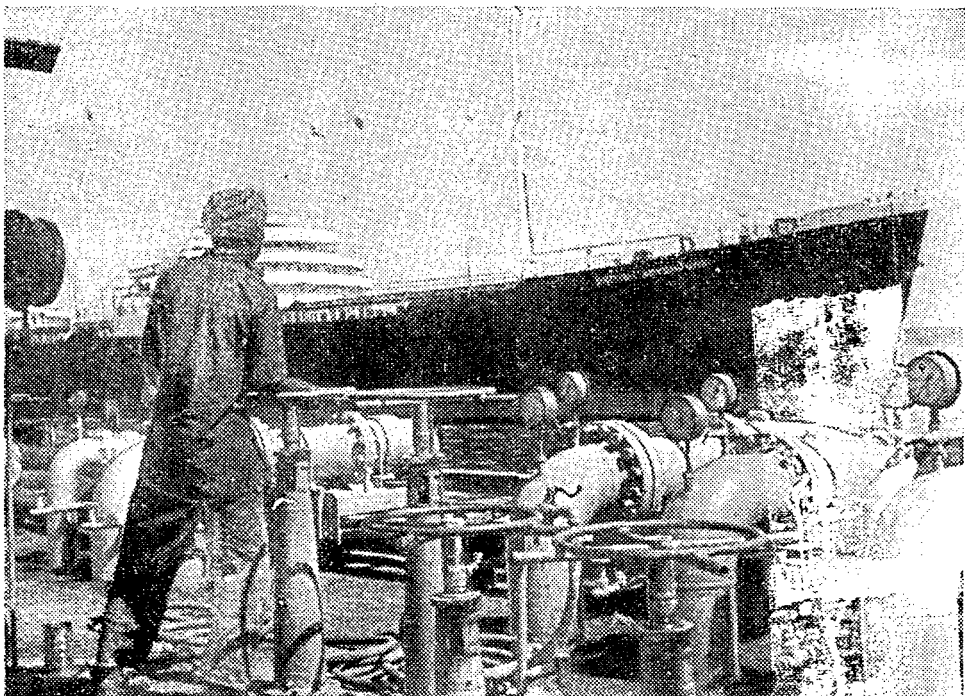
Strangely-assorted relics went to make a patchwork quilt displayed at the Women's Institutes Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

Made by Miss Averil Colby of Churchill, Somerset, in odd moments over a period of ten years, the quilt is composed of

patches from her grandmother's trousseau, the jacket of a naval officer, 50-year-old loose covers from the Royal Yacht, and the curtains of a four-poster bed.

There are many other examples of busy women's spare-time skill at the exhibition, which is open until March 26.

Learning to take charge of our tankers



A man stands by the valves of the oil pipes as the tanker British Adventure edges towards a loading quay to take on her cargo of 7,500,000 gallons



The Chief Officer (left) shows apprentices how to take oil and sea-water densities

THE young mariners in the pictures on this page are learning how to take charge of a type of ship that is different from all others—an oil tanker.

The men who navigate these ships have to possess considerable specialist knowledge, and the apprentices are seen training to become deck officers in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's fleet of tankers. They are on board one of the firm's biggest and most modern ships, the British Adventure, of 28,000 tons, which sails to Kuwait, at the head of the Persian Gulf.

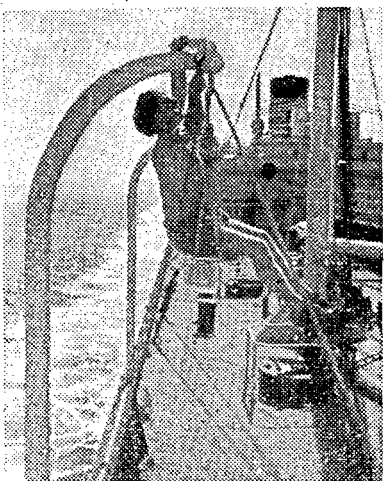
AFTER serving in the Merchant Navy's training ships, the young men joined the British Adventure to learn about tankers. To begin with, they are placed under the wing of the ship's master for navigation duties.

We may envy their life on summer seas in white shirts and shorts, but soon they will envy us, for the summer climate in the Persian Gulf is almost unbearably hot. At Kuwait the temperature can reach 120 degrees in the shade.

The Anglo-Iranian Company operates a great fleet of tankers which, if lined up bow to stern, would stretch about 30 miles.



An apprentice from Cambridge is here seen learning to steer by compass



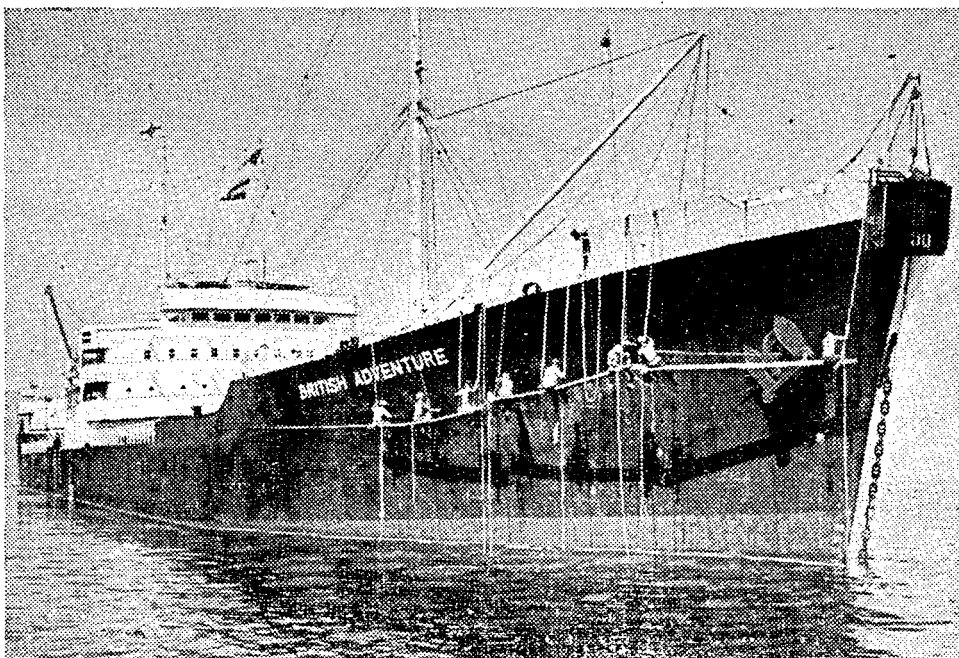
There are always plenty of painting jobs to be done on a ship. Above, a seaman is at work on a davit; and, right, the hull is being given a fresh coat while the ship is anchored in Suez Bay



An apprentice on the "flying bridge" which runs along the length of the ship



Washing quickly dries in the Mediterranean sun and breeze



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SPRING IS HERE

A CERTAIN something in the air has for some weeks past brought tidings that spring was on the way. Now, at last, the gay, glad season of promise has arrived; this year it starts officially on March 20. And in green underwood and cover
Blossom by blossom the spring begins.

No season is more welcome. Already from the great cities coverts of young cyclists and rambles have begun their annual rediscovery of the countryside. In suburban gardens there is gentle forking round the green shoots of the bulbs. The birds are singing. The "pilgrim steps of spring" grow stronger.

As we write, we know not whether spring, in Keats's words, is likely to be "chilly fingered"; what we do know is that its promise will be there as of yore—and all its magic!

In the words of Charles Kingsley:

Seeds so long in darkness sleeping

Burst at last from winter snows.

Earth with heaven above rejoices,

Fields and garlands hail the spring.

Shaugh and woodlands ring with voices

While the wild birds build and sing.



Under the Editor's Table

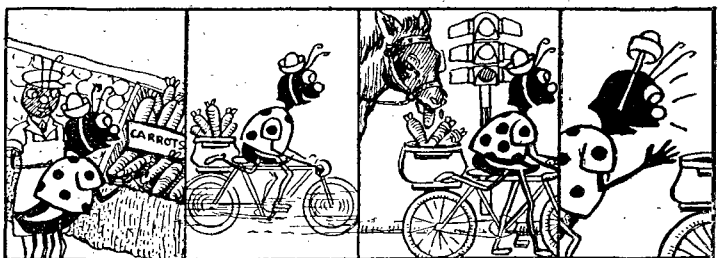
PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If airmen rise
to the occasion

Schoolmasters should practise toleration. Always be willing to come to terms.

It is hard work to bring out a newspaper. Easier to read it indoors.

BILLY BEETLE



The Editor's Table

GIVE THE DRIVER A CHANCE

MANY people forget that a car, even when it is travelling slowly, cannot pull up safely within two or three feet. This was pointed out recently by the Minister of Transport, who was, appealing for the proper use of the zebra pedestrian crossings.

There are pedestrians who suddenly step on these crossings in front of an oncoming vehicle without having previously shown their intention to cross. The driver jams on his brakes and, if the road is slippery, his car may skid, knocking down pedestrians and cyclists, or colliding with another vehicle.

Pedestrians should always make sure that an approaching car is at a safe distance before asserting their right to walk over the crossing.

The zebra crossings will reduce casualties only if all road-users follow the minister's advice and show "common sense, courtesy, and a live-and-let-live attitude."

The air we breathe

LEEDS is justifiably proud of Headrow, and last year had additional cause for pride when this fine arterial road was adorned with hanging baskets of flowers and flowering shrubs in stone tubs.

But the experiment will not be repeated this year. The Chairman of the Parks Committee has explained that the experiment was not a success; the plants could not withstand the effects of the fumes from factory chimneys and the exhausts of the hundreds of cars and buses using the road daily. "We feel it is simply murdering the flowers to put them in the Headrow," he says.

This is a great pity, for it is in our big industrial cities that such floral displays are needed. More disconcerting is the thought that millions of people have to endure the same fume-laden atmosphere which kills flowers.

Something lacking

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY'S electronic "brain" has been taught to sing the National Anthem.

Lord Halsbury recently told the Royal Society of Arts how the machine is given a coded version of the music, which it interprets; it then constructs the wavelengths necessary to render the song.

Another achievement of the machine is to discover any fault or trouble within itself and report exactly what is wrong.

Lord Halsbury added that there is now only one more stage—a machine which will carry out repairs to itself!

WE THREE



This boy with his cats is one of the attractions at a London exhibition of contemporary sculpture. The sculptor was Mr. George N. Pallin.

Thirty Years Ago

THE wireless telephone was, a very short time ago, a miracle. Today it is in practical use. Tomorrow it will be as much a part of the equipment of a business office as the ordinary telephone. Recently the President of the American Telephone Company spoke from his house, 60 miles distant from New York, to people on board a ship 400 miles off New York harbour... The 400-mile limit is likely soon to be left behind. Thus another marvel of electricity is rapidly becoming an everyday convenience.

From the Children's Newspaper, March 25, 1922

Those who forgive

Persons who have really suffered at the hands of others do not find it difficult to forgive, nor even to understand the people who caused their suffering. They do not find it difficult to forgive because out of suffering and sorrow truly endured comes an instinctive sense of privilege. Recognition of the creative truth comes in a flash: forgiveness for others, as for ourselves, for we too know not what we do.

Laurens van der Post, in *Venture to the Interior* (Hogarth Press)

A GRAND OLD SCIENTIST

SIR CHARLES SHERRINGTON'S long life of study and hard work for the benefit of humanity has ended at the age of 94.

He was a world-renowned authority on the nervous system and the brain, and his researches and discoveries have been the means of restoring thousands to health.

Honours were heaped on Sir Charles by the universities of the world. He was a member of the Order of Merit, and he was also a Nobel prize-winner. But he remained a simple, lovable personality. His prescription for a long life was a simple one—Hard work.

Sermons in stones

A NEW Presbyterian church being built at Stamford, Connecticut, will have in its walls a stone from every cathedral in Great Britain.

In this way the Americans will symbolise the spiritual ties binding them to the Old Country, whence came the religious convictions that have been handed down from generation to generation in their great new land.

The message of the ancient stones in the new walls will be of old truths enduring in a changing world.

Rescue dogs rescued

TWO St. Bernard dogs, named King and Lady, were rescued not long ago from a snow-drift only 500 yards from their home in Philadelphia!

The idea of St. Bernards getting lost so close to their home is enough to make famous old Alpine rescue dogs turn in their graves. We feel that King and Lady have let their side down.

NO TIME LIKE NOW

Time is—the present moment well employ;

Time was—is past—thou canst not it enjoy;

Time future—is not, and may never be;

Time present—is the only time for thee. Lines in an old watch

William Wordsworth

JUST AN IDEA

As R. L. Stevenson wrote: Make the most of the best and the least of the worst.

The Children's Newspaper, March 22, 1952

THINGS SAID

WHEN money is short it is always the mother of the family who must sacrifice all luxuries in order that her children will be well cared for.

The Houseworker

A PROFESSOR, I am told, is a man who teaches you how to get through the problems of life which he has escaped by remaining a professor.

Sir Charles Bartlett

WE have in Britain today a thriving stage, and are producing films, television, and broadcasting in a way that need not make us ashamed.

Sir Ralph Richardson

I AM an optimist. I think we are going to have a peaceful world over the next century.

President Truman

WE have all probably been rather foolish when we were young. I can recall a particularly silly young man puffing clouds of smoke from a briar pipe when he would have been much happier sucking a couple of bullseyes.

Mr. Justice Stoble

AFRICANS talk about David Livingstone as if he is still alive. His spirit is still alive.

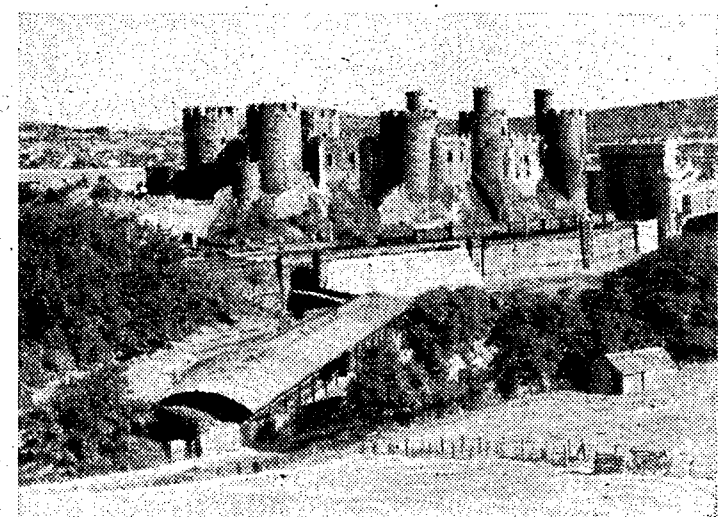
Mr. James Griffiths, M.P.

Written in March

The cock is crowing,
The stream is flowing,
The small birds twitter,
The lake doth glitter,
The green field sleeps in the sun;
The oldest and youngest
Are at work with the strongest;
The cattle are grazing,
Their heads never raising;
They are forty feeding like one!

Like an army defeated
The snow hath retreated,
And now doth fare ill
On the top of the bare hill;
The ploughboy is whooping—
anon—anon;
There's joy in the mountains;
There's life in the fountains;
Small clouds are sailing,
Blue sky prevailing;
The rain is over and gone!

William Wordsworth



OUR HOMELAND

Many-towered Conway Castle in Caernarvonshire

TESTING NEW CARS IN THE TROPICS

A 4000-MILE "top secret" test trip through East and Central Africa has just been made by a little convoy of brand-new British cars. Details now released tell how five cars, made by a famous firm, were first flown out with 12 skilled technicians, at a cost of about £25,000. In a specially-chartered freighter aircraft they travelled from Britain to Nairobi, 100 miles south of the Equator.

From the landing-ground in the capital of Kenya the five cars drove off on the start of their long, tough safari to Northern Rhodesia.

They passed round the northern shore of Victoria Nyanza, on through the mahogany forests and vast pasture-lands of Uganda, over the winding Great North Road of Tanganyika, along the tarmac strips overlooking the great lake of Nyasaland, and so to Northern Rhodesia's little capital, Lusaka.

Throughout this endurance test over some of the worst driving conditions in the world, the technicians took turns in driving, so that they could record their impressions of the way each vehicle behaved. Each man was an expert in some branch of motor-engineering—chassis, tyres, electrical components, and so on.

At various places in this wild African testing-grounds special bases

had been arranged. Petrol was available at every one, and when the convoy reached them, tyres were quickly replaced, stores replenished, and faults remedied. All this was planned in considerable secrecy.

The aim was to show the designers how these latest British models would stand up to tropical conditions.

A mass of valuable data which could not have been secured in any other way is now available to the manufacturers. As a result of this trip vital improvements and modifications have been introduced, enabling this country to compete more keenly with the powerful American cars which have sold so well in Africa.

What pleases the sponsors more than anything else is that this tropical test was completed without a single major mishap.

CITIES OF THE SAND

One of the responsibilities that the new country of Libya in North Africa has assumed is the care of the ancient cities unearthed by the spades of archaeologists.

Half-covered today with the accumulated sands of centuries, these places were the active centres of Greek and Roman culture in the days before Christ.

Since 1943 the British have looked after these wonders of the past—cities like Cyrene, Tolmeta (the ancient Ptolemais), and Tokra (Teucheira). Fresh discoveries have been made, too, in recent years; the Royal Air Force, for instance, took photographs which established the outlines of the long-forgotten city of Euesperides.

In Leptis Magna, near Tripoli, young British excavators will again be busy this year helping to reveal the magnificent first-century theatre with its massive columns and open-air seats. The emperor Septimus

Severus was a native of this city and lavished riches on it.

Farther along the coast (writes a C.N. correspondent recently in Libya) Miss K. M. Kenyon of London University has dug down underneath the Roman city of Sabratha to reveal something of the life of earlier people—the Phoenicians.

Near the harbour she discovered mud-brick buildings and floors, circular clay ovens and pottery. The sand also contained hearths and water-jugs, probably used by Phoenician sailors when they came ashore for a temporary bivouac during their trading voyages to Carthage, long before Sabratha itself was founded.

The new government of Libya takes a benevolent interest in the work of the archaeologists, hoping that one day the treasures revealed will attract tourists to the country in countless thousands.

40,000 miles in a canoe

A famous Indian canoe in which a daring sailor made a 40,000-mile ocean voyage about half a century ago, and for years afterwards lay forgotten in the Thames mud, is now in Thunderbird Park, Victoria, British Columbia. There it stands as an inspiring relic of heroic and skilful seamanship.

The canoe is called the Tilikum, an Indian word meaning Friend; it is 38 feet long and was hewn by Indians out of one big cedar log. The man who put to sea in it was Captain J. C. Voss, a Canadian skipper who was renowned for his voyages in small boats.

Captain Voss bought the Tilikum from the Indians, fitted three masts to it, and then—on May 27, 1901—set forth from Victoria, B.C., to defy the oceans.

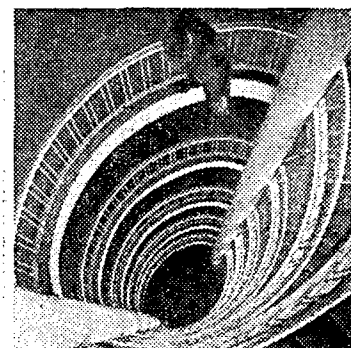
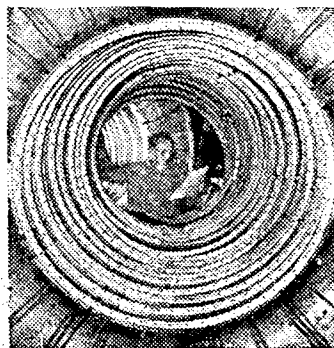
ACROSS THE OCEANS

In his dugout boat he sailed the Pacific Ocean to Australia and New Zealand; then across the Indian Ocean to the Cape of Good Hope; next across the Atlantic to Brazil; and from there to England. He arrived at the jetty at Margate on September 2, 1904—much to the annoyance of an enterprising newspaper which had arranged to intercept him in a boat off Dover.

Captain Voss was no mere publicity-seeker. He was a seaman of genius, and his astounding voyage was to some extent made possible by his development of the technique of the drogue, or sea-anchor, which has contributed considerably to the science of small-craft sailing.

His feat created an enormous impression, and the little storm-battered Tilikum, which Indians had made for paddling down rivers, was the centre of attraction at the Navy and Marine Exhibition in London in 1905. She was bought by someone for making sailing trips on the Thames; but the new owners were unable to manage her—even on a river—and they gave up in disgust.

The Tilikum lay forgotten until she was rediscovered lying in the mud. Then she made her last voyage—back to Canada on board a Furness Withy ship—and she stands now in a public park as a reminder of human courage and ingenuity.



Taking a good look round

Steel baffle-rings used in the mounting of aircraft engines provide the circular effect, while the study in ovals is the result of looking down the spiral staircase of a new building in Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany.

THE BIBLE IS A BEST-SELLER

Distributing the Scriptures in Ethiopia must be an exciting job. Mr. L. V. Ashley, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who has recently returned to this country after a 500-mile trip from Asmara to Addis Ababa, has some interesting experiences to recount.

Ato Seyoum, an old blind teacher, and Kasaye, a lad from a mission school, accompanied him; and they made the journey by motor lorry, everywhere receiving a friendly welcome.

Coming down to the plains after climbing the 9000-foot escarpment bordering the Danakil Desert, which is now pierced by the Mussolini tunnel, they immediately started selling their books. In the first town several policemen were the first customers, purchasing

copies of the Gospels in Amharic and then asking to be photographed with their proud possessions.

In the next town news of their intended visit had preceded them and they were greeted with cries of "Books." Within a few minutes a crowd had collected, holding out money and taking copies as quickly as they could be handed out.

A broken spring in the heart of the Kobblo Plain caused a short hold-up, and while it was being repaired Ato Seyoum sat on the running-board singing hymns to his own accompaniment on a mandolin. He soon had a group round him, and read to them from St. John's Gospel in English Braille, translating into Amharic as he went along.

TRAINING FOR MOUNT EVEREST

Mr. Eric Shipton's team of British mountaineers who are to make an attempt on Mount Everest next year will be chosen after a training climb which is to be made in the near future on another Himalayan mountain nearby, Cho Oyu. This peak, which has never been conquered, is 26,750 feet high; Everest soars 29,141 feet.

The men training on Cho Oyu will also test the oxygen masks, special clothing, and food. With them will go Dr. Lewis Pugh, the tenth man of the party, to study the effect of great heights on the climbers' constitutions.

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT

Just how popular the C.N.'s Writing Test has become is shown by the huge number of entries that have been flowing in every day.

The Test closes on Monday, March 31, and any schools which have not already completed their entries should do so at once.

The address for entries is:

C.N. Handwriting Test,
5 Carmelite Street,
London, E.C.4 (Comp.).

Every entry must bear one of the tokens (marked C.N. Writing Test 1952) now appearing in every copy of the Newspaper. You will find one at the foot of the back page. Each completed attempt is to be sent by teachers as part of the school's total entry in accordance with the competition rules printed on the Entry Form.

Closing date is March 31

Empire Mosaic—3

by Ridgway

THE LEGEND OF TUMATAUENGA

Ngahue, a Maori chief worsted in battle, sought a new land for his people. Tumatauenga, father of men and god of war took compassion on Ngahue and sent his son Maui-tikitiki-O-Taranga to fish a new land from the sea. This Maui did. Ngahue found this land of plenty. Thus came the Maoris to New Zealand.

SIR CHARLES SAUNDERS

Wolfe's capture of Quebec would have been impossible if Admiral Saunders had not succeeded in navigating and transporting troops and gear through the treacherous shallows of the St. Lawrence River.

KOALA BEAR

Also known as the NATIVE BEAR or TREE BEAR. This native of Australia feeds off the leaves of eucalyptus trees and does not drink water. Grows to about 26 inches long. The young is reared in its mother's pouch.

HAGIAR QIM MALTA

These remains of Phoenician building, dating back to 1000 years B.C., are among the finest in the Mediterranean. The Stone of Veneration was excavated in 1839. This circular enclosure of huge stones was used for religious purposes.

HOME OF IRISH KINGS

The Hill of Tara, in County Meath, Eire, the legendary seat of the High Kings of Ireland centuries ago, is to be explored this summer.

Helped by a Government fund, Professor S. P. O'Riordain, who holds the chair of Archaeology at University College, Dublin, and has conducted similar operations in other parts of Ireland, will direct the work.

It will be the first official excavation of the hill, and it is hoped that it will reveal the purpose and date of the earthworks.

The main site on the hill is the Rath of the King (Rath-na-riogh) which is believed to have enclosed the residence of the kings. Outside the boundary of this main site is the site known as the Rath of the Synods, where the first early Christian synods are said to have been held by St. Patrick and other saints. It is here that a trial excavation is likely to be started in preparation for the main task in the summer.

IN MEMORY OF DR FLYNN

Alice Springs, outback town in the centre of Australia, is soon to have its first Presbyterian church. It will be erected as a memorial to the Revd. John Flynn, the superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission, who founded the invaluable Flying Doctor and pedal wireless services.

When Dr. Flynn died in Sydney last May the whole nation paid tribute to him as the man who had banished fear of sickness and isolation from among those thousands who live in the inland spaces of Australia.

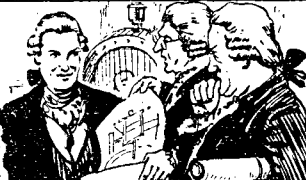
Subsequently his ashes were laid to rest at the foot of Mount Gillen, a few miles from Alice Springs, the town in the desert where the doctor thought out many of his schemes. From the new church Mount Gillen will be clearly visible.

At the age of 17 James Brindley was apprenticed to an engineer; but as he was hardly able to write or spell he almost failed to pass his examinations.



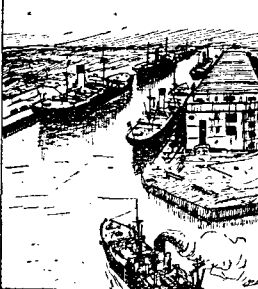
Pioneers 70. JAMES BRINDLEY, genius of our canals

Yet during the construction of a paper-mill he surprised everyone by arranging the plant in a novel layout and with such mechanical skill that he earned his master's praises.



At 26 Brindley set up his own business, repairing and constructing machinery. His fame spread; but today he is remembered for his subsequent work on canals.

This remarkable man built some 365 miles of navigable canals in England. He worked out all the complicated calculations in his head—and only made drawings when his employers demanded them!



RICHARD HAKLUYT, THE MAN WHO STAYED AT HOME

One of the most important figures in the story of the Elizabethan voyages of discovery, which built up Britain's fame as a seafaring nation, was a man who never sailed farther from our shores than to France. His name was Richard Hakluyt, son of a London merchant, and he was born just 400 years ago.

Hakluyt was a priest, not a seaman, yet it was he, more than any other man, who first made his fellow countrymen aware of the full might of Britain's sea power.

While the sea-captains were exploring the seven seas, searching for the North-West passage, harrying the Spaniards and establishing new colonies, Hakluyt stayed at home and wrote about their voyages.

Most of our knowledge of the early voyages of discovery does in fact come from Hakluyt's writings. His greatest work, with a very long title usually shortened to Hakluyt's Voyages, is still widely read—and with as much delight as when it was first published in 1589—the year after the Spanish Armada's defeat.

Hakluyt's glowing passages made Englishmen sea-conscious, and inspired more and more men to explore the seven seas in search of new lands to colonise.

When Richard Hakluyt was born Britain was not a sea power. Much

of the nation's trade relied on foreign ships. Our seamen had made little effort to rival great European explorers like Columbus and Magellan. Englishmen were showing little interest in the new lands overseas. Few books on geography or foreign travel appeared in English.

Richard Hakluyt altered all that. His life-work was inspired by the example of an older cousin of the same name—a lawyer in the Middle Temple, London, who had a profound knowledge of geography and current trade. As a queen's scholar at Westminster, the younger Hakluyt would visit his cousin and learn of other lands and the benefits of commerce.

LONDON LAMP OF LONG AGO

A little earthenware lamp was recently unearthed on the site of Roman buildings in the City of London. Used in the home of a citizen some 1900 years ago, it is shaped rather like a deep saucer with a handle. On its lid, beside the hole used for the wick, is the imprint of an eagle.

The first house on this site is thought to have been built about A.D. 75, some 15 years after Queen Boadicea captured and burnt Roman London. The discovery suggests that Londinium was rebuilt soon after the suppression of the ancient Britons' rebellion.

After taking a degree at Oxford, Hakluyt remained there, producing maps and globes, lecturing on navigation and geography, and collecting from European countries manuscripts and books on sea-voyages and exploration. He also collected records of the sea history of England.

In 1582 Richard Hakluyt published his first book, Divers voyages touching the discovery of America. He was then appointed chaplain to the English ambassador in France, and it was there that he talked with fishermen who knew the Newfoundland coast, and gleaned news of the voyages of the Spanish sailors.

It was in Armada year that Hakluyt returned to England. A year later he published that great prose epic which established the fame of the Elizabethan seamen for all time. It was fittingly dedicated to the great sea-captain Lord Howard of Effingham. His own work and name still live on in the Hakluyt Society, composed of scholars who strive to fulfil his aspirations.

Richard Hakluyt spent the last years of his life revising and adding to his books, advising the Government and would-be explorers, and ministering to the spiritual needs of his parishioners, in Suffolk and Lincolnshire. He died in 1616 and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

ICEFIELDS AS AIRFIELDS

Three drifting ice-islands (huge broken-off ends of glaciers) will be used this summer as bases for an American oceanographic survey of the Polar Basin, the waters separating Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Siberia.

Special aircraft of the U.S. Navy, fitted with combination ski and wheel undercarriages, will transport 34 scientists and other members of the expedition to the islands from Point Barrow in Alaska.

The bases are being set up by the Office of Naval Research in Washington to gain more knowledge of Arctic conditions, to find the best way of flying aircraft from sea-ice, and also to learn how both machines and men endure the rigours of the climate.

Electronic equipment in one of the planes is claimed to be as complete as that fitted to a deep-sea oceanographic vessel.

One Arctic base already established is at Thule, an Eskimo town on Greenland's west coast. The runways on the recently-constructed airstrip are large enough for the biggest planes.

In view of the great hardships involved, the labourers at Thule are paid £80 a week and technicians £120 a week.

THE QUEEN'S OWN POST OFFICE

Buckingham Palace has a new postmaster.

Mr. R. D. Norton started his career as a messenger boy in 1911; now he is in charge of the two rooms on the ground floor of the palace where all the normal services of a post office are available for the Royal Family and the palace staff.

This post office also collects and delivers the mail of other Royal homes in London. In addition, the postmaster has to ensure that members of the Royal Family receive their mail when they are travelling abroad.

THE FOUR FEATHERS—PICTURE-VERSION OF A. E. W. MASON'S GRAND STORY (9)



In England, blind Durrance was trying to persuade Mr. Sutch, an old friend of Harry's, to go to Egypt to organise his rescue. In this Durrance was sacrificing himself. For he knew that Ethne, his fiancée, would only marry him out of pity for a blind man, and that she really loved Harry. Durrance resolved that if ever Harry came back, he would give up Ethne to him. Sutch readily agreed to go to Egypt.



In Omdurman, far from civilisation, Harry and Trench were ordered to go before the Khalifa, ruler of the Sudan. They wondered what was to be their fate, but the Khalifa merely said they were to be employed in making gunpowder. Harry was about to protest that they knew nothing about it, but Trench, realising they would have an easier life in the factory, declared he knew all about making gunpowder.



It was an old Greek, employed by the Khalifa, who, out of pity for the white prisoners, had arranged for them to work in the powder factory. They were allowed to go there from the prison by themselves every day, their captors thinking it impossible for them to escape across the desert. They watched for the man they hoped would bring them camels, but months passed, and there was no sign of him.



One evening as they walked back to the prison, a man they didn't know whispered to them to stop. Knowing their movements were constantly spied on, Harry knelt down as though a stone had hurt his foot. The stranger walked past and dropped a slip of paper near him. Harry's heart leapt with hope when he read the words on it: "A man will bring you a box of matches. When he comes, trust him—SUTCH."

From Egypt comes word from a friend. Can old Mr. Sutch help Harry and Trench? See next week's instalment

THE BUCKINGHAMS AT RAVENSWYKE

Grand story by
**Malcolm
Saville**

Last week we read how Charles Renislau brought Sergeant Brandon to Rosemary Court with the news that he had found a clue which proved that his father had been in the junk shop.

When they arrived there was no sign of Juliet and Simon who had been left on guard, so Brandon went round to the back. Charles followed him, and was just in time to see a stranger with a suitcase escaping over an outhouse roof. Brandon, just behind him, had fallen and twisted his ankle.

Juliet and Simon then appeared with the news that Mr. Renislau was a prisoner somewhere upstairs. They found him bound to a bed in the attic. After a conference with Brandon the young people and Mr. Renislau were sent home in a police car.

10. A day's outing

BREAKFAST at Ravenswyke next morning was a very happy meal, for Mr. Renislau, in his magnificent dressing-gown, insisted on coming down. Except that he still looked very tired and that his wrists were bandaged, he did not seem much the worse for his experience. Although, so far as they knew, their enemy Jan was still at large, he did all he could to help them forget the anxieties of the last few days.

"Before we start our real holiday," Charles said as he lit his father's cigarette, "I wish you'd tell us a few things we couldn't ask you last night. I don't think Brandon had any right to worry you last night, Father."

"I asked him to come, Charles. I wanted to tell him all I could and then forget it—until they catch Jan, and then I'll willingly identify him for them. I'd like to tell all of you what we know; you've been well mixed up in this and I wouldn't be here now if it wasn't for what you did yesterday."

"I told Brandon I should tell you, and he agreed, provided you all promise to keep it to yourselves and not be drawn into conversation with anyone about it. You promise? Good!"

"Every air and sea port is being watched for Jan. They think they'll catch him, but I'm not so sure. I think he'll be too clever for them. He's a master of disguise and an excellent actor, and only his eyes give him away..."

"Brandon told me that The Pride of the Valley was chased out to sea last evening by police in a speedboat. The captain, when his cable was boarded, admitted that he had been bribed by Jan to take him to sea when ordered, and had been promised a further reward to follow the instructions which he would receive later. They expect to get that nasty chap in the red wig before long, by the way."

"Now, it looks as if it's going to be a grand day so why don't you go out and get a bathe somewhere—try to get right away and enjoy yourselves and forget the last few days. Why not go to Robin Hood's Bay?"

JULIET was in favour of this idea as she had a new swimsuit to show off.

"All right," Charles agreed. "Let's make a day of it and walk back here across the moors after tea. I've got a one-inch map, and although the route is rather up and down it should be a grand walk. Let's cut some sandwiches now and catch the eleven o'clock bus into Whitby."

They had half an hour to spare in the town, and they could not resist a glimpse at Rosemary Court. The junk shop was still closed and shuttered, however, and there was not even a sign of a policeman.

"Of course there isn't," Simon reminded them. "I bet this place is stiff with 'em, but, of course, they're all disguised."

Soon they were on the bus for Robin Hood's Bay. It was after one o'clock when the bus put them down there.

THE little town is built on each side of an almost precipitous, winding street leading down between steep hills to the sea. This street is too steep for buses or cars and the pavements ascend by means of shallow steps, while the red-roofed houses seem to cling to each other lest they tumble down to the beach.

"I vote we go down right away and swim," Juliet said. "It's too hot to do anything else—much too hot for sandwiches, anyway, and we shall enjoy food much more after a bathe."

"I know what that means," Simon grumbled. "If we go down to the beach now it will be hours before we eat, and I'm jolly hungry. Julie will be fiddling about with her hair, and I don't suppose we'll be able to get a drink down there, and there's all the fag of carting the food about when we might just as well eat it now."

Charles, for once, agreed with Simon, so Juliet gave way.

As soon as they had finished their sandwiches in a nearby field they went to a shop at the top of the hill for ginger-beers. And it was here that the boys saw a notice of a local cricket match which was to begin in half an hour's time, and here that the three of them had one of their rare quarrels.

Simon and Charles decided that they would rather watch village cricket than bathe, and nothing that Juliet could say would shake them. So, after a few brisk exchanges, she went off by herself in a temper. She did not even turn round when Charles called: "Don't forget we're walking back over the moors, Julie... Let's meet at this shop at four o'clock for tea, anyway."

By the time she reached the beach Juliet had forgotten her bad temper and was just sorry for the boys. There was a lovely smell of seaweed and fish and sun on tar, and she sighed happily as she ran through the gap between the cliffs and saw the lovely sweep of the bay on each side of her.

The tide was coming in and the sands were gay with deckchairs and children playing, and parties of bathers in brightly-coloured swimsuits.

It took Juliet some time to find a crevice in the cliffs where she could undress and leave her towel, but only a few moments to slip into her new scarlet swimsuit. The water was as wonderful as it looked. She made friends with a family with a rubber dinghy, and it was an hour before she had her clothes on again and was sitting on the sand waiting for her suit and towel to dry.

She dozed a little with the sun shining pink through her eyelids, and then woke with a start. About 20 yards away an artist in a sun hat and tinted spectacles was busy at work, so she strolled over, smiled at him, and asked the time.

HE took a paint brush from between his teeth.

"Half-past three, young lady. Where have you come from? I've not seen you here before, and I come here most days."

"I'm only here for the day and have got to meet my brother for tea at the top of the street at four. I'm staying at Ravenswyke."

"Lovely village," the man said. "I know it well. Somebody told me the other day that a famous musician has just come to live there."

"Oh, yes," Juliet said as she sat down beside him. "That's Mr. Renislau. We're staying with him. We're his friends."

"How very interesting. I should like to meet him. Is he at home now?"

"Yes, he is, but he's very busy on a new concerto, and we don't see much of him."

The artist put down his paint brush and looked at her critically.

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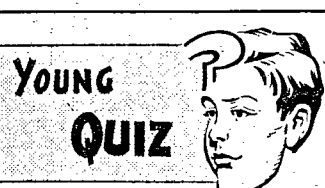
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NATIONAL TOY MUSEUM FOR LONDON

London will shortly have a museum devoted solely to toys of all nations down the centuries, a museum to delight the hearts of old and young alike. It will be at St. John's Institute, next to Hackney churchyard, an early 16th-century house belonging to the National Trust.

It is intended to make the museum a permanent collection of toys and playthings of historical interest. Already some 160 toys have been assembled, but before the museum opens it is expected that appeals to the toy trade and to private collectors will result in this number being more than doubled.

CHANCE TO HELP

The responsible committee feel that there must also be a great quantity of suitable material lying forgotten in the attics and lumber rooms of private houses; and so readers of the C.N. are invited to share in the enrichment of this museum. Toys which have been in the family for generations are the kind needed, and if parents are agreeable these should be offered by letter to the museum.

No toy of the past should be regarded as too insignificant. Among the most fascinating playthings, in fact, are the ones our grandparents and great-grandparents used to buy in the streets for a copper or so—the penny and twopenny by-gones which were worth a king's ransom to children in the past.

Among the toys already sent to the museum are a Jack-in-the-Box of 1860, with its spring still lively, and a Russian cavalrman whose head moves from side to side as he is propelled. There are also whipping tops, now rarely seen, captive flying-boats, and performing animals.

Clockwork trains and railway engines are there, too, with soldiers of all periods from the Napoleonic wars onwards, and, of course, a great number of dolls. India is represented by carved wooden toys, and Africa by toys woven and plaited from the hair of animals.

Other novelties in the museum were made by prisoners-of-war of all nations.

If readers have no toys to offer, a few pence will help. Mr. Leslie Daiken, promoter of the scheme, told a C.N. representative that 10,000 children subscribing sixpence each could sustain the museum for two years. What a fine thing it would be to have a toy museum entirely supported by children!

PATting A WHALE

Twenty-five miles out to sea from Mousehole on the South Cornish coast a Newlyn fishing boat was surrounded by a school of nine whales. These unusual visitors swam so close to the boat that a member of the crew was able to lean out and tap one of them on its massive head.

The Buckingham at Ravenswyke

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"I'd like to sketch you," he said suddenly. "Do you mind? Perhaps I could come over to Ravenswyke one day and ask formal permission to paint your portrait? What's your name?"

She told him. "Thank you very much," she went on, "but I'm afraid I can't stay long. I promised I'd be back because we're going to walk home over the moors... But it would be wonderful if you would draw me and let me have it as a souvenir."

The artist laughed and took from his knapsack a pad of yellow scribbling paper, and with a few quick strokes of a soft pencil drew an impression of her head, tore the page from the pad, and passed it over.

"But it's wonderful!" Juliet gasped. "It's not exactly like me and yet somehow it is me. Thank you very much. I'm awfully proud of this."

"I hope we shall meet again, Juliet," the artist smiled. "I'd like to meet Mr. Renislaw, anyway. Will you be at Ravenswyke long?"

"A week maybe. Or ten days. I must go now though. Good-bye."

CHARLES and Simon, both looking a little sheepish, met her halfway down the hill. She teased them about the cricket, which they admitted had been dull, told them what a wonderful time she had had, and while they were

at tea proudly showed them the sketch.

"He really was a most romantic-looking man," she said, "and he begged me to allow him to paint me one day. Just look at this wonderful drawing."

Simon choked into his cup.

"That's not you. I don't believe it. You picked it up."

Charles was more impressed, and as Juliet was now in a very good temper their quarrel was forgotten as they started their walk home.

On each side of the track the brown heather rolled away to the horizon where brown hills met a hazy sky. After half an hour's walking they were completely alone. The silence was intense as they walked down to a valley with trees and a chattering brook at its foot. On the summit of the opposite hill Simon remarked that it was getting colder, and as they walked on they realised that the sun was no longer shining.

Juliet stopped and looked back. "Charles, something peculiar is happening to the weather. What's happening? I can't see the wood now."

Very small and insignificant, they stood together in the narrow track as the dread sea-roke came sweeping in from the sea—a grey cold, clinging, damp curtain which, in a few seconds, blotted out the moor, deadened the sound of their voices, and struck chill through their thin clothes.

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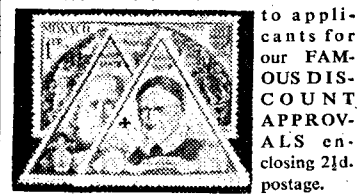
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This regulation banned bathing in public after 7 a.m. in New South Wales and was strictly enforced. Gocher, however, considered it an absurd interference with the liberty of the individual. So in the summer of 1902 he announced his intention of entering the surf at Manly, near Sydney, at midday on a certain Sunday.

Hundreds of people, including local aldermen, assembled on the beach to witness Gocher's act of defiance. A prosecution followed, but the magistrate dismissed the charge with ridicule. The ban was removed and the right of surf-bathing at any time of the day on the beaches of New South Wales established.

The memorial to William Gocher will, of course, be erected on Manly beach.

CORNER OF ENGLAND DOWN UNDER

An old wooden vicarage at Te Waimate, in the north of New Zealand, has been transformed into a museum.

Te Waimate was one of the first mission stations in New Zealand, and this vicarage was the first home of Bishop Selwyn who was sent out in 1842.

When Charles Darwin was travelling round the world on the Beagle 120 years ago, he visited Te Waimate, and noted in his journal how the missionaries had transformed the wilderness into a corner of Old England.

MARTYRS OF OUR DAY

Sculpture illustrating the theme of the Unknown Political Prisoner has been chosen for the International Sculpture Competition which is being run by the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London.

The competition should produce works of art which graphically illustrate the plight of these forgotten martyrs of our times, who in so many parts of the world are suffering for their political convictions.

The prize money offered to sculptors amounts to £11,500, including a grand prize totalling £4525.

VALLEY OF SONG

Visitors to London this summer will find some novel features at the Battersea Pleasure Gardens, that lively inheritance from the Festival of Britain.

There is to be a Valley of Singing Birds, in which the recorded songs of birds will be relayed by loudspeakers hidden in trees and bushes. There will also be a walk where the trees will be lit up at night in different colours.

Another part of the gardens is to be reserved as a picnic area. The Riverside Theatre will show three-dimensional films.

SPORTS SHORTS

A RENEWAL of the high-jump duels between Ron Pavitt and Peter Wells may be expected this summer. Peter stayed in New Zealand after the Empire Games in 1950, but returned recently to this country on six months' leave to prepare for the Olympics.

THREE years ago Canadian John Turner could run 100 yards in 9.7 seconds. Then he broke both of his legs in a car smash, and his athletic career seemed at an end. But John began a long fight to regain fitness, and the climax came a few weeks ago when he won the Oxford University sports 100 yards in 10 seconds.

Off the mark



Grace and speed personified as 16-year-old Sheila Carvey, of Twickenham, gets away to a practice start.

THE cross-country season ends this Saturday with the International Championship at Hamilton Park, Glasgow. Competition will be as keen as ever, with a particularly strong challenge from France and Belgium; but we are all hoping that one of our young English runners will be first man home.

NEW English cross-country champion, and British six-mile record-holder, 21-year-old Walter Hesketh, is to become a stage juggler. Walter gave up his previous job as it left him little time for training and competitions. Now he will train by day and juggle by night.

CROWDED MALTA

About 310,000 people live in Malta's 122 square miles, making her one of the most overcrowded areas in Europe. The remedy, of course, is large-scale emigration, and this is actively encouraged.

It is hoped that by 1956 the Maltese population will be no more than 250,000, but to achieve this over 8000 people every year will have to find homes in other lands.

YOUNG QUIZ—answers

- 1 The Daily Courant.
- 2 A wild duck.
- 3 A five-sided figure.
- 4 Ferdinand de Lesseps.
- 5 Don Bradman's 452 not out, for N.S.W. v. Queensland, in 1930.
- 6 Latin for solid earth.
- 7 The month of March.
- 8 Sir Walter Raleigh.

A WEEKEND training school for promising young swimmers has been opened at the Heston and Hounslow Baths. It is the first of its kind in the south of England. The 36 chosen swimmers, all between 13 and 17, will be supervised by a team of coaches.

NEXT week will see the start of the English Open Table Tennis Championships at Wembley. This competition, which attracts entries from many countries, is considered second only in importance to the world championships.

PHYLLIS GREEN is only 18, but already she has won the women's senior national cross-country championship twice in succession. Her recent national victory enabled her club, the Ilford A.C., to retain the team title.

THE CN recently referred to the three brothers O'Flanagan. Now comes news of three more Irish footballing brothers—Tom, Jack, and Denny Fitzgerald, who were members of the Irish amateur eleven which met England earlier this month. All three play in Waterford's forward line.

THE Leander crew are putting in some effective training for the Olympics by pacing the Varsity crews, now completing their preparation for the Boat Race. Leander have represented Britain six times in the last eight Olympic Games, and with a crew composed mainly of last year's brilliant Cambridge eight, they should add to their Olympic laurels at Helsinki.

HAROLD MOODY, who represented Britain as a shot putter in the last Olympics and Empire Games, last year emigrated to New Zealand. But he has kept in training and recently he won the New Zealand championship at Wanganui, with a throw of 45 feet 6½ inches.

BOTH crews in this year's Varsity Boat Race will use new boats. Each of the crews will average 13 stone a man, the heaviest since the war. This year, too, Oxford will use swivel rowlocks for the first time, thus following the example of Cambridge.

PEAK ROSE GARDEN

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ONE BOY SAVES FOUR

John Kwesi Opong, a Boy Scout in one of the Gold Coast units, has been awarded the Bronze Cross for performing the amazing feat of swimming ashore with one boy on each shoulder, one on his back, and one hanging on to his legs. Their canoe had capsized in the River Volta.

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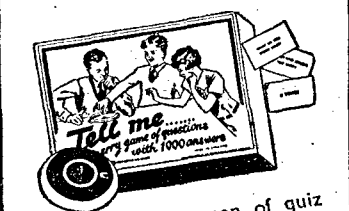
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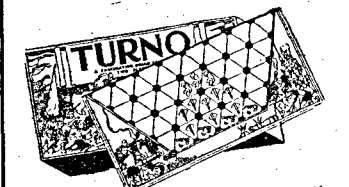
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THE BRAN TUB

THE STICKY LIMIT

A LADY sat on a newly-painted seat, and was extremely annoyed when she found the paint was still wet. She hurried up to a park attendant and demanded: "Why don't you put 'wet paint' on your seats?"

"That's just what we are doing, Madam," replied the park attendant innocently.

Maxim to memorise

Do not be the first to quarrel, nor the last to make it up.

COUNTRYSIDE FLOWERS

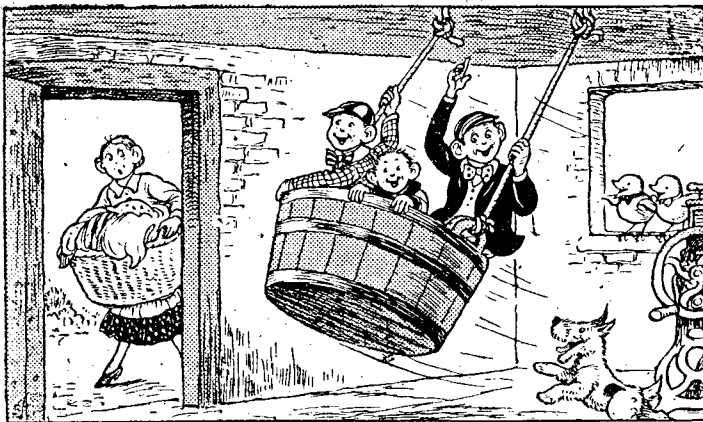
IN woods and moist fields in many parts of England, hosts of beautiful wild daffodils flourish. They are smaller and daintier than cultivated varieties.



Originally the flower is erect and encased in a green sheath. Eventually this covering bursts, the sheath turns brown, and the flower droops its head. The daffodil's trumpet is beautifully scalloped, and contains six yellow-headed stamens. Its long, narrow, tapering leaves appear before the flower.

Another name for daffodils is Lent Lilies. They do not grow wild in Scotland.

JACKO & CO IN A WASHTUB



In their search for something interesting to do, Jacko, Chimp, and Baby went off to the wash-house. Its only contents proved to be a mangle and a washtub—but the washtub, plus two hooks which held clothes-lines in wet weather, were sufficient to give Jacko an idea. "We'll fetch some rope and make a swing," said he. But their fun was soon ended with the arrival of Mother carrying a basket of dirty linen. "Since you are so interested in my washtub," said she, recovering from her surprise, "you shall all help me with my washing. So roll up your sleeves, my lads!"

Tongue Twister

A PEST in quest of a nest to rest,
Searching with zest from east to west.

Confessed in jest that his conquest
Of Ted's new vest was not the best.

RIDDLE IN RHYME

My first are seen on many farms,
My next can smile and also scold.

My whole will blossom in the spring
Turning the fields to green and gold.

Answer next week

RIDDLE-MY-TOWN

IN test, not in try;
In barley, not rye;
In pudding, not pie;
In jade, not in hack;
In want, not in lack;
In trail, not in track;
In chest, not in waist;
In thrash, not in paste,
The town of good taste!

Answer next week

Kindly Kreecher



FLUTING the skirt
Of a frivolous fungus
Here we can see
The industrious Bungus

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked together, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second, and so on.

1. A priest of ancient Britain or Gaul; the oak, and the mistletoe growing on it, were sacred in his religion.

2. One of the Far Western States of America; lying partly on the Rocky Mountains, it has a small population, but produces much timber and some gold.

3. English painter and engraver (1697-1764); he painted some conventional portraits, but is chiefly remembered for his illustrations of social evils.

4. Mountain pass in Greece famous for the battle fought there between a small Greek army, led by the Spartan Leonidas, and the mighty host of Xerxes.

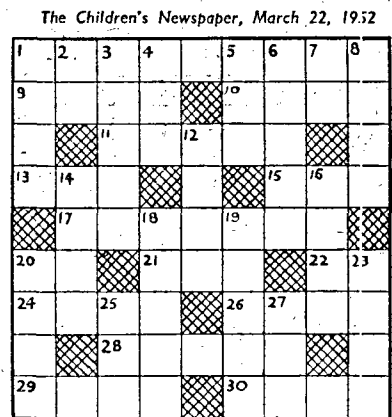
Answer next week

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Jumbo and Co.' 9 Rounded roof. 10 Custom. 11 Angry. 13 Small child. 15 Sever. 17 Makes certain. 20 Saint (abbrev.). 21 Australian bird. 22 Editor (abbrev.). 24 At that time. 26 Vein of ore. 28 Flower. 29 Uncommon. 30 Peruse.

READING DOWN. 1 Prepare for publication. 2 Behold! 3 Gives out. 4 Through. 5 Skill. 6 She has an uncle. 7 Tourist Trophy (abbrev.). 8 Despatched. 12 Kind of lily. 14 Vow. 16 Employed. 18 Faculty. 19 Sovereign. 20 Heavenly body. 23 Action. 25 To hear with. 27 Mineral.

Answer next week



FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

NO ENTRANCE. Under the beech trees, Don noticed a spindle-shaped, glossy, brown shell, about two-thirds of an inch long.

"It is a Plaited Door-snail," commented Farmer Gray.

"I thought it was a beech bud," replied Don, picking it up and attempting to peer inside. "I can't see any sign of a snail."

"He has withdrawn for safety," explained the farmer. "A tiny spring door has closed behind him. This clever device keeps out slender-bodied beetles which would make a meal of the owner. The door only opens by pressure from within."

In the queue

A SHOPKEEPER had noticed a steady deterioration in the quality of the goods supplied by his wholesaler. Finally he wrote and cancelled his order. Back came the reply: "Sorry, you must take your turn."

Olly's folly

A ROVING musician named Olly
On wet days was most melancholy:
"I'm a destitute hobo,"
He sobbed; "with an oboe,
But I wish, how I wish twas a
brolly!"

What am I?

I WALK in step. I am a rousing tune.
I am an English town, down Cambridge way.
I am a space of time, of days made up . . .
We'll tell no more, except perhaps to say
That hares in this are not exactly sane;
Also that winds can blow, and it can rain.

Answer next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Riddle in rhyme. Yellowhammer
Chain Quiz
Palermo, Montrose, Seattle, Leprechaun
March thirds. Correggio, Constable, Massinger
Macdonald (Flora), Melbourne
Riddle-my-town. Eton

BEDTIME CORNER

David's lucky find

IT was when David was taking a short cut home across a newly-ploughed field on his father's farm that he found the bracelet. It was dull and covered with dirt, and he would never have seen it had he not kicked it.

"Well, Mummie would have told me if anyone in the village had lost a bracelet," he said to himself, as he hurried on, "so it must have been in the ground for ages. So it will be all right if I give it to Mummie for a birthday present after I've cleaned it up a bit."

So after tea, without telling anyone, he scrubbed his find with soap and water, and polished it, until it really looked quite like gold. He was just putting it away when Mummie called: "David, you must come and do your history homework."

David hated history. He thought learning about people who lived long ago very dull. The chapter he had to read now, though, was about Saxons

and the Viking pirates, and the pictures of their ships and clothes made it seem more real.

It was the picture of rings, and brooches, and -bracelets which did interest him, though, because the book said that some of these had been found by chance by country workers in the fields!

"Supposing the bracelet I found today is an ancient one, too," he suddenly thought. "I'd better show it to Daddie."

Well, Daddie did not know either, but he sent it to a man in the town called an archaeologist, whose job it was to know about these things.

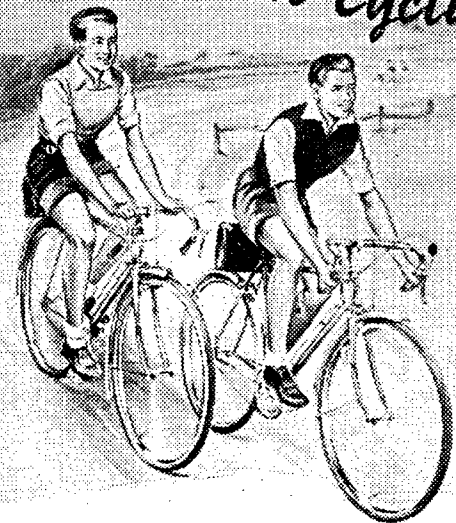
Sure enough, David's find did belong to ancient times. And very proud he is now to take his friends in to see it in the town museum, with a card attached saying how and where he found it.

And his mother certainly does not have to make him do his history prep. nowadays!

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